

# Hierarchical Triple Blackholes in Galactic Nuclei

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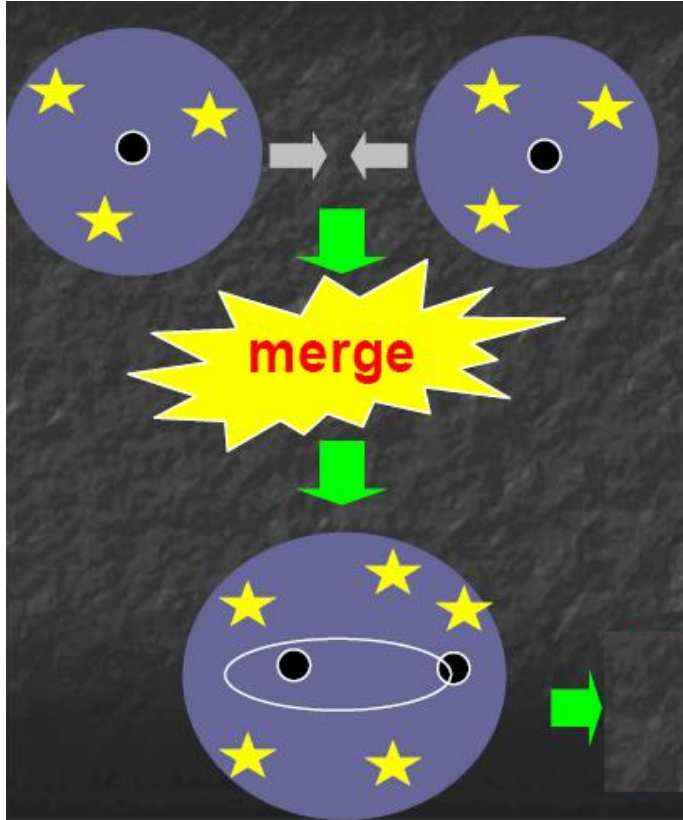
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## *ABSTRACT*

- $N$ -body study on dynamical evolution of triple massive blackhole (BH) systems in galactic nuclei
- Generally a hierarchical binaries of BHs is formed
- Two of BHs (inner binary) merge within the Hubble time via gravitational wave radiation
- The reason is Kozai mechanism which makes the inner binary highly eccentric.
- How to find them ?

# 1. Introduction



A BH in a galaxy



Two galaxies merge



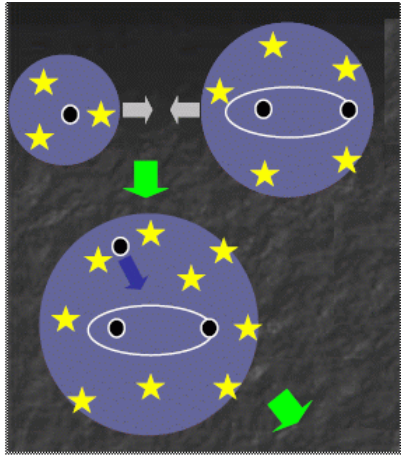
Two BHs are in the center

## Life time of the binary BH $\gg$ Hubble Time

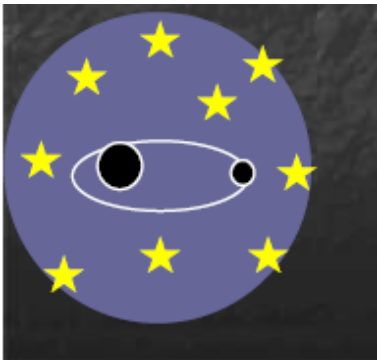
- *Begelman, Blandford, & Rees 1980*
- *Makino & Funato 2004*
- *Berczik, P., Merritt, D., & Spurzem, R. 2005*  
*ref: talk by Makino on Tuesday in this meeting*

**Next question :**

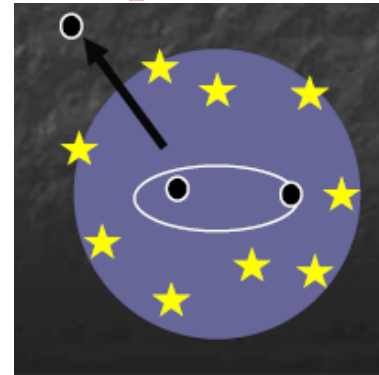
*What happen if a galaxy with a BH binary merges ?*



*merge ?*

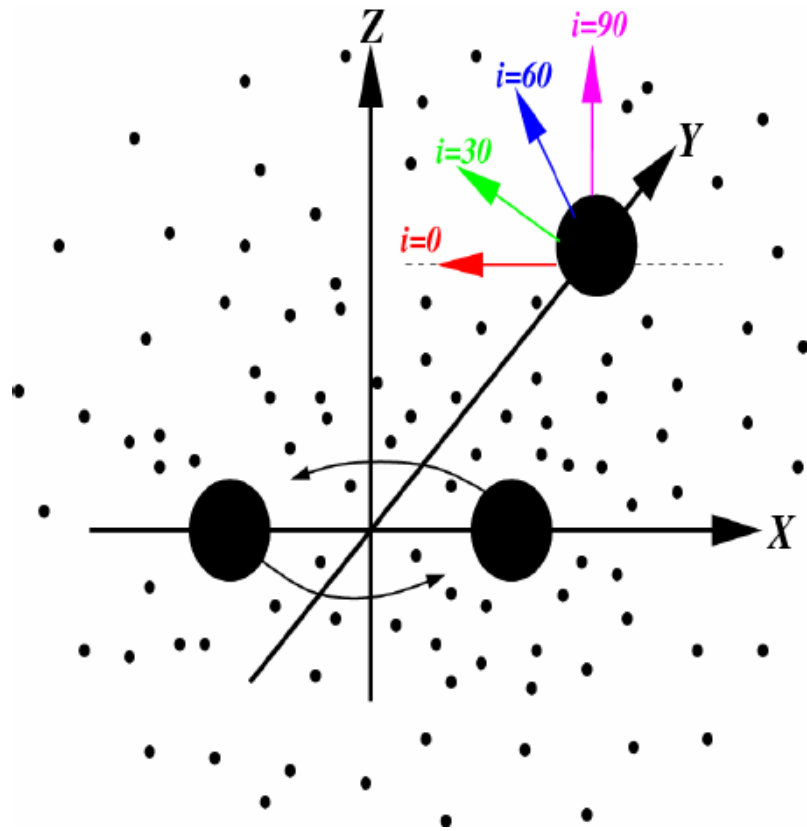


*escape without merger ?*



*What will happen ?*

## 2. $N$ -body simulation : Model



**Galaxy : King ( $W_0 = 7$ )**

$\sigma = 300 \text{ km/sec}$

$N = 64 \text{ k}$

$M_{\text{gal}} = 10^{10} M_{\odot}$

$M_{\text{BH}} = 10^8 M_{\odot}$

$M_{\text{BH}} = M_{\text{gal}}/100$

**Initial Distance of BBH  
and the 3rd =  $240 pc$**

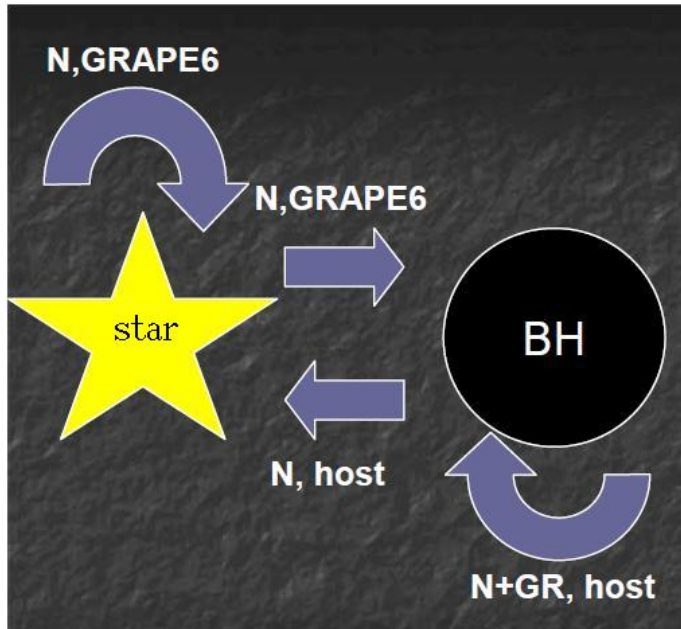
## Method

direct summation

4th order Hermite Scheme

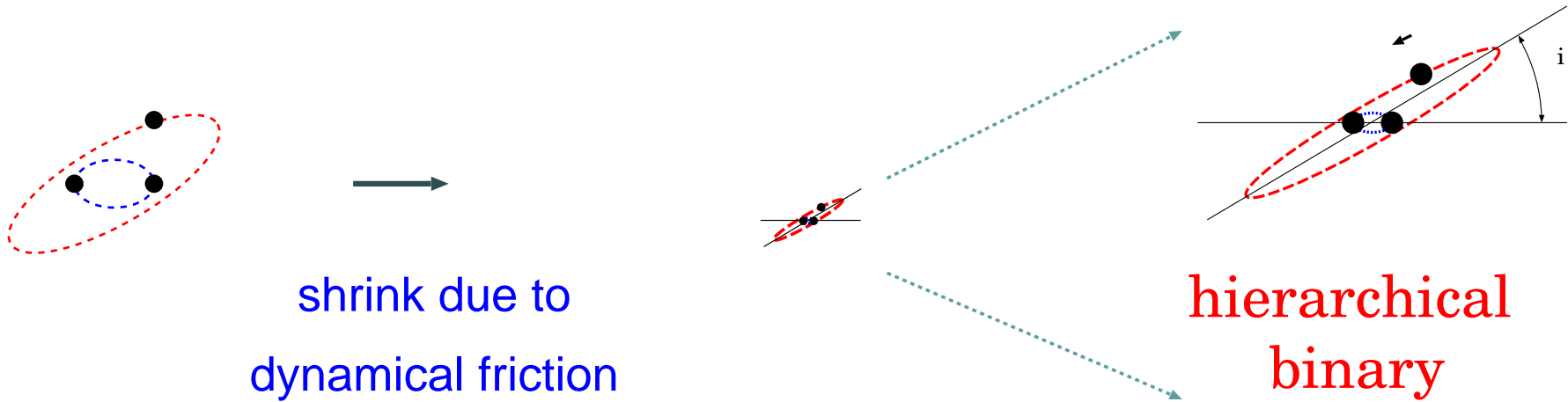
Post Newtonian

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$$\mathbf{a} = -\frac{Gm_2}{r^3}\mathbf{r} + \frac{4G^2m_1m_2}{5r^3c^5}\left[\left(-v^2 + \frac{2Gm_1}{r} - \frac{8Gm_2}{r}\right)\mathbf{v} + \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{r^2}\left(3v^2 - \frac{6Gm_1}{r} + \frac{52Gm_2}{3r}\right)\mathbf{r}\right]$$
$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2 \quad , \quad \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2$$

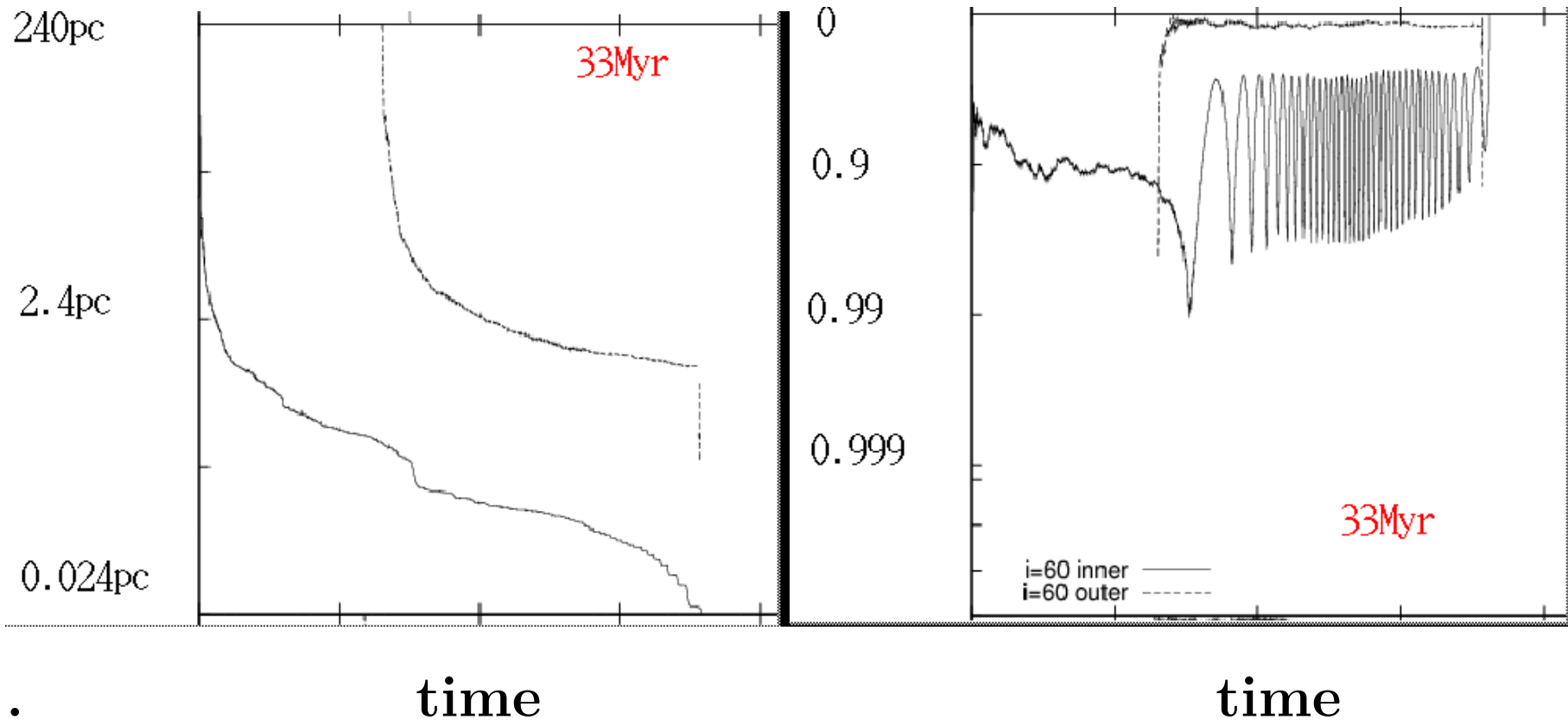
### 3.1 Result I — Forming Hierarchical Triples





*Left : Semi-Major Axis of the Inner and Outer binaries*

*Right : Eccentricity of the Inner and Outer binaries*



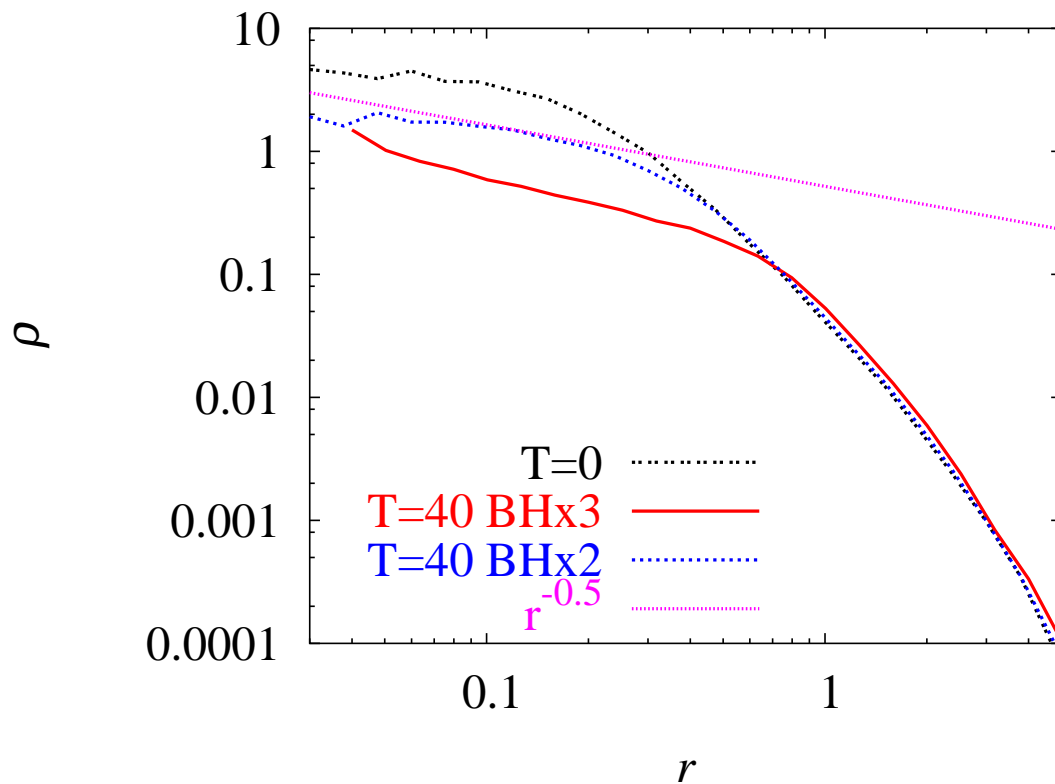
*We carried out 6 runs changing the initial velocity of the 3rd BH,*

- **Hierarchical Binaries in all cases**
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- **BHs merge in 3 out of 6 cases within 100 Myrs**
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• *Roughly 50 % !*

#### 4. How to find the triple BH system ?

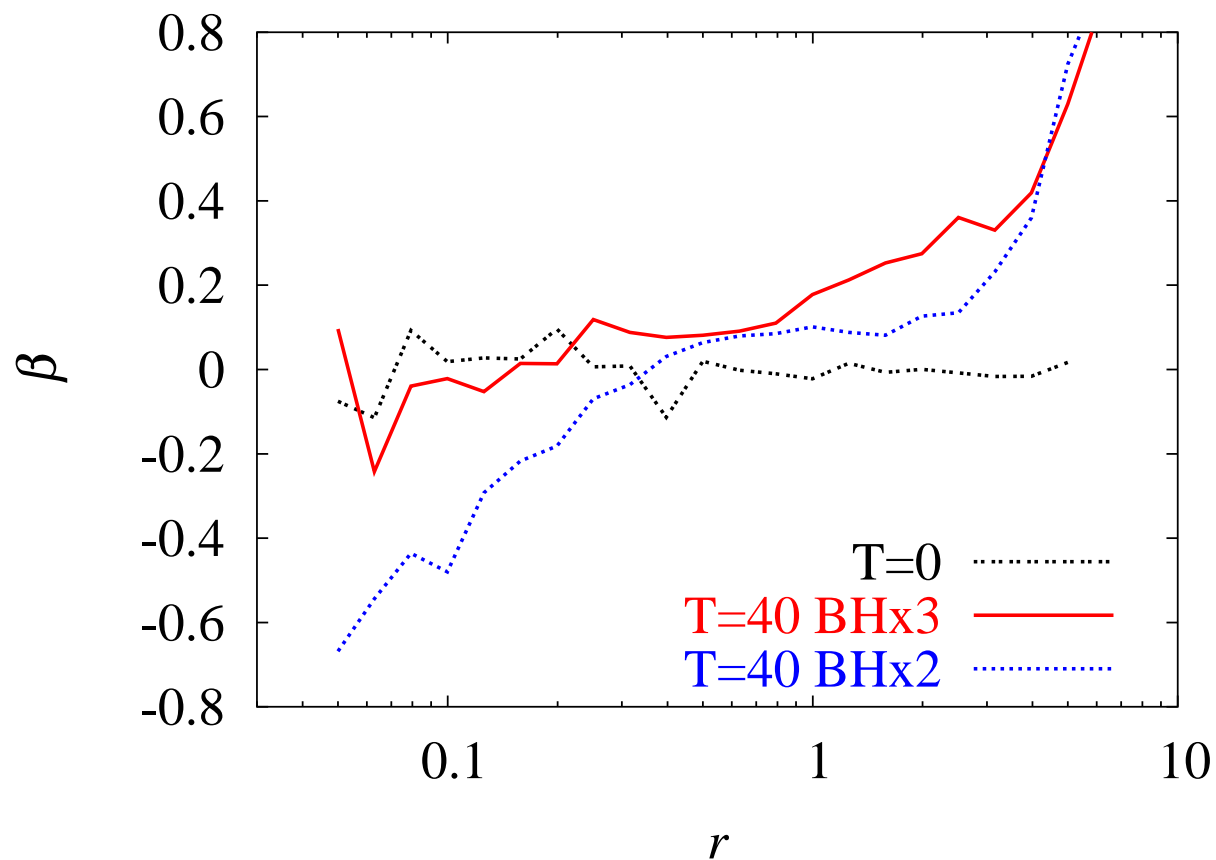


Density profile

*Extended shallow cusp*  
 $\propto r^{-0.5}$

consistent with Nakano & Makino 1999a & 1999b

Velocity anisotropy :  $\beta \equiv 1 - \frac{\langle v_t^2 \rangle}{2\langle v_r^2 \rangle}$



3BH: **isotropic**

2BH: **tangential**

Find a galaxy with a

Shallow cusp  $r^{-0.5}$



in the cusp

orbit is tangential

orbits are isotropic



binary BHs



triple BHs

## CONCLUSION

- Generally a hierarchical Triple System of BHs is formed when galaxies with BHs merges
- Two of BHs of the inner binary are merged within 100M years due to the high eccentricity driven by Kozai mechanism
- 1  $\sim$  2 BHs and 3 BHs can be distinguished from the structure of velocity distributions of stars in nuclei.